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IN SPANISH DUNGEONS
TORTURES AWAIT CUBANS WHO
ARE CAPTURED.
Men Sealed up in Dungeons and
Left to Suffer--Few Survive
the Ordeal for Any
Length of Time.

DEATH BY THE TERRIBLE GARROTE
[Louisville Times.]
The desperation of the Cubans who are fighting Spain for the liberty of their island, excites wonder at times in the American mind, and some are inclined to think them too bloodthirsty in their system of warfare. It is true, very little quarter is given, the Spanish soldiers in any of the conflicts have the insurgents have the upper hand, but there is good, substantial reason for this seeming heartlessness.

The soldiers of the insurgent army know that a fate blacker than death will be theirs if they fail. The kingdom of Spain has never displayed a gentler hand to its enemies. Dark relics of the Inquisition permeate its treatment of malefactors, for as such the insurgents are regarded. The prison system of Spain is more barbarous to-day than that of either Turkey or Russia, and that is saying a good deal.

For more than a thousand years the Spaniards have made a study of torture, and the long accumulation of knowledge handed from one generation to another, and elaborated upon by each, makes their prisons the worst on earth. There are men forgotten and unnamed rotting away in the Spanish dungeons to-day.

Men who took part in the previous Cuban rebellion, nearly a generation ago, may still be living in the dungeons. Thirty years hence some of the men who are now fighting so valiantly in Cuba may be rotting away in the same pestholes. It is this prospect which makes them desperate and bloodthirsty and eager to accept a thousand risks to shake off the torture which awaits them.

Each week batches of Cuban suspects are forwarded to Spain. To be a suspect is equivalent to being guilty, and those who go, in all probability, never return. If a wealthy planter is suspected of furnishing financial aid to the insurgents, he is pounced upon and shipped off. Indefinitely better would have been his fate had he joined the insurgent army and been killed on the field of battle.

flame, a hole is cut in the masonry large enough to admit the passage of his body, and he is dropped in. A blacksmith follows and welds on the fetters. Looks and keys are never used. A heavy weight with a chain is welded to the ankle and an iron band is welded to the waist. A chain is attached to the latter is welded to an iron ring sunk in the wall of solid rock. The hole in the masonry is bricked up again with the exception of a small space a few inches square. Through this comes the scant air and the scraps of food allowed the victim.

After that the man is left to live or rot. The filth of these holes cannot be adequately described. Disease is merciful here, for few men survive the torture for any length of time.

His Self-Denial.
[Chicago Evening Post.]
The honeymoon was over and they had settled down to show themselves steady and steady old people.

"Harry," he said, knitting his pretty brows as if greatly perplexed, "I've been trying to arrange things a little systematically to-day."

"Quite right," he said. "It's time we were settled and had everything arranged properly."

"You what, Harry, the fact is I—I—"

KING PREMPH CAUGHT
SURRENDER OF THE BARBARIC
KING OF ASHANTEE.
Great Britain Insists on Fifty
Thousand Ounces of Gold
as a Ransom--Grove
of Skulls Burned.

A FEW DETAILS OF THE SURRENDER
CAPE COAST CASTLE, BRITISH WEST AFRICA, JAN. 28.—The following details of the palace between Sir Francis Scott, commander of the British expeditionary forces and King Premph, of Ashantee, when the latter made his submission to Great Britain at Coomassie, have just been received from that capital.

The troops formed in the principal square of Coomassie at 7 o'clock in the morning on Monday last, preparatory to the grand parade. Sir Francis Scott and his staff were seated in a semi-circle in the square shortly afterward, and an officer was sent to the palace with instructions to press upon the mind of King Premph that if he did not appear before the British commander within five minutes after this summons, he would be taken from his palace by force. The King made a show of resistance, but finally accompanied the officer, surrounded by an escort, to the square. Arrived there, King Premph took his seat upon the stool of state. After a few formal words had passed between the King and Sir Francis through the interpreters the King descended from his stool and shook hands with the British commander. The latter was then introduced to the British Governor, who recited at length the negotiations which had been conducted between the representatives of Great Britain and Ashantee, ending by informing the King that he must formally submit to Great Britain and give up immediately 50,000 ounces of gold as indemnity for the expenses incurred by the British Government in sending an expedition to bring his Majesty to terms. The King was also informed that he must keep the streets clean, maintain order among the populace, and that he would be held responsible for any disturbances among the natives.

King Premph was greatly impressed by the show of force in the square, the Maxim guns being conveniently posted and every yard being utilized by the British and their native allies. Finally the King, through an interpreter, replied that he was ready to submit to the British, took off his crown and medals and advanced to the seats, formed by biscuit boxes, upon which Sir Francis Scott and the Governor were seated, surrounded by their staffs. His Majesty then placed his head between the feet of Sir Francis Scott, and those of the British Governor, clasping them with his hands and actually groveling in the dust as a mark of his complete submission to the power of the Queen of England.

This display of helplessness upon the part of King Premph greatly impressed the Ashantees present. They were greatly agitated and talked excitedly together. But they made no attempt at resistance, a step which would have been useless in the face of the almost entire British expedition and the deadly rapid-fire guns.

The Governor finally made the King arise and recalled to his Majesty's mind that he had been requested to immediately pay 50,000 ounces of gold to the representatives of Great Britain. In reply his Majesty, who was greatly agitated, said he only possessed 300 ounces of gold and that he had no means of collecting the 50,000 ounces demanded by the British. To this the Governor replied that such a statement was merely child's play and that the demands of the British must be complied with, as the King's ability to pay the amount demanded was too well known to admit of any dissimulation.

weren't really the chiefs they represent of themselves to be, but men of a much lower rank.

A strong guard of British troops then moved forward and surrounded the King, the Queen's mother, the King's father, the prominent chiefs and the Ambassadors, without any trouble, so suddenly was the movement made and so effectively was it carried out. The prisoners were quickly removed to a large house, which was surrounded by the guard, and then the Ashantees were quietly dispersed by the troops.

The whole affair was splendidly executed, and admirably arranged. In fact, from the moment the expedition was first organized until it reached Coomassie there has not been a single hitch in the arrangements, and it has not been necessary to fire a shot. Every provision which it was possible to make for the health, provisioning and accommodation of the troops was made in the most perfect system. At each halting place there were erected for the accommodation of the British troops, and advance parties were sent forward daily to prepare the refreshments.

The troops suffered very little from sickness, considering the unhealthy climate, and, strange to say, it was the men of the well-seasoned East India regiment and those of the British regiment stopped at Gibraltar on their way home from India after many years of service in that hot country and sent to Cape Coast Castle to take part in this expedition, who suffered the most from sickness, and who also proved less able to sustain fatigue on the march in the hot weather prevailing in Ashantee.

Finally it may be said that the submission and capture of King Premph will insure British supremacy in that part of Africa for many years to come. His Majesty has relatives and the chiefs captured will be kept at Cape Coast Castle until the 50,000 ounces of gold demanded by the British Governor are forthcoming and until all the other questions connected with the expedition and its objects have been arranged. The Ashantee Ambassadors, accused of having misled their people will be tried, and if found guilty severely punished.

Near Coomassie the British discovered and burned the notorious sacrificial grove, full of skulls and bones of the victims of King Premph, which has been fully described in various papers for years past. The making of human sacrifices was one of the leading complaints which the British had against King Premph and his predecessors, and this practice has now been put a stop to.

MAN REDUCED TO ASHES
HIS "REMAINS" BOTTLED UP FOR
SAFE KEEPING.
A Few Interesting Facts About
the Queer Art of Crema-
tion, Furnished by a
Crematory Agent.

A NICHE AND AN URN CONTAIN ALL
[New York World.]
These words are lettered on a small sign that swings in a shop window on Houston street, where several curious men are displayed. This is the New York office of a suburban cemetery, where are cremated the bodies of those who prefer that their remains shall be consumed by flame rather than to let nature take its course in a coffin six feet under the soil.

A World reporter dropped into the office and had a talk with the young man in charge. It was too late on that afternoon to witness a cremation, but ordinarily the crematory people are glad to have spectators when the interesting process is going on.

Economy is always considered by most people, and cremation is cheap. It is also clean, and what is cleaner for a last resting place than a white metal vase?

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National Educational Association.
TO SUPERINTENDENTS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOOL OFFICERS:—The annual meeting of the National Educational Association has become the principal summer outing for teachers. The present annual session will be held in Buffalo, N. Y., July 7-10. It will be a delightful trip in many particulars. In addition to the good derived from the meeting itself, the numerous side trips to points of interest, notably Niagara Falls, Lake Chautauque, Toronto, Thousand Islands, and all points on the Atlantic coast, render this meeting one of unusual interest and pleasure.

In order that nothing may be left undone to secure the largest possible attendance from Kentucky, I have appointed a committee on management to assist me in the work. The members of the committee are Prof. W. H. Bartholomew, Vice-President N. E. A., and Col. Jas. E. Dorland, Louisville; Sup't. James McGinnis, Director N. E. A., Owensboro; Sup't. Geo. O. McElroy, Paducah; Sup't. E. A. Gallion, President K. E. A. Carrollton; Hon. A. L. Paternan, Editor Southern School, Lexington, and Sup't. J. G. Crabbe, Ashland.

Arrangements will be made for a "Kentucky Special" train to Buffalo, announcements concerning which will be made at an early date. The railroads will make a rate of one fare for the round trip, and tickets may be extended to September 1st. Any one, whether engaged in school work or not, may take advantage of these rates.

Those who expect to attend this meeting should notify the Manager of some member of the committee, who will supply them with all necessary information concerning the pleasant summer outing of teachers.

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Manager N. E. A. for Kentucky.
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